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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 17, as follows:

- Figure 20 is a side cross-sectional view of the embodiment in Figure 19;

- Figure 21 is a side cross sectional view of a further embodiment of the closure shown in Figure 18;

- Figure 22 is a perspective view of a still further embodiment of the closure shown in Figure 18; and

- Figure 23 is a perspective view of another embodiment of the closure shown in Figure 18.

Please add the following new paragraphs at Page 24, line 6:

Figure 21 illustrates a further embodiment of the closure of Figure 18 wherein the base 133 of the reinforcing member 129 is recessed and includes therein a barrier means in the form of a washer 150 formed of a suitable material such as a precious metal or glass. Also, a protective film 152 of any suitable material such as silicone covers the exterior surface of the covering body 5.

Figure 22 illustrates a still further embodiment of the closure of Figure 18 wherein the plastic material of the covering body 5 at the open upper end of the reinforcing member 129 is provided with writing or a sign 154 thereon.

Figure 23 illustrates another embodiment of the closure of Figure 18 wherein laser-marking 156 is provided on the outer surface of the covering body 5.